## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

IN RE: § Case No. 23-34815 (JPN)

GALLERIA 2425 Owner, LLC. §

Debtor § Chapter 11

## OBJECTION TO MOTION FOR USE OF CASH COLLATERAL

TO THE HONORABLE U.S. BANKRUPTCY JUDGE:

COMES NOW 2425 WL, LLC ("Respondent") and files this Objection to Motion for Use of Cash Collateral and would show as follows:

- 1. The Chapter 11 Trustee has filed a Motion for Use of Cash Collateral.
- 2. 2425 WL, LLC understands that the Trustee needs to keep the lights on. However, the proposed Motion for Use of Cash Collateral locks in the claims and liens of the National Bank of Kuwait. This relief should not be granted, especially at the interim relief stage.
- 3. The Motion provides for the Trustee to stipulate to National Bank of Kuwait's liens and claims. The Motion does not appear to allow for a challenge period for any other party to challenge the validity and priority of NBK's liens and claims. 2425 WL, LLC is filing an adversary proceeding seeking equitable subordination. 2425 WL, LLC objects to any provision in the cash collateral order which does not allow for a challenge period to the bank's lien or which waives claims against the bank.
  - 4. The Trustee has received an offer to pursue claims against the National

Bank of Kuwait on a contingent fee basis from a qualified attorney as shown by

Exhibit A.

5. The Motion also requires the Trustee to initiate a sales process by April

5, 2024 resulting in an auction sale to take place no later than July 1, 2024. 2425

WL, LLC objects to using a cash collateral motion as a sub rosa plan.

6. Payment of expenses necessary to maintain the value of the property

should be sufficient to provide adequate protection to the lender.

DATED: March 22, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

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By: /s/Stephen W. Sather

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Response was served on the 22nd day of March, 2024 to the parties on the attached list.

/s/ Stephen W. Sather

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February 21, 2024

Mr. Ali Choudhri: JETALL COMPANIES 2425 West Loop South, Suite 1100 Houston, TX 77027 Via Email <u>-Ali@Jetallcapital.com</u>

Re: Lender Liability Litigation Against the Bank of Kuwait

Dear Mr. Choudhri:

This is formal written confirmation of what was said in the call on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, regarding my analysis of the liability of the Bank of Kuwait to Galleria 2425 and the actions and practices it took in connection with that lending.

I conducted a review of the applicable documents and an analysis of the facts and circumstances, and have had discussions with people with personal knowledge of the overall situation, and have concluded that it is a very strong case. Consequently, I have convinced this firm to take it on a one-third contingent fee basis, which means it will not cost the Bankruptcy Estate anything and has a tremendous potential upside.

Previously I sent to you, the Trustee, and the Trustee's counsel materials which demonstrate my "bonafides" in lender liability scenarios. One thing that has been missing or underplayed, I believe, is the fact that the Bank of Kuwait chose the law of New York to apply to this situation, which implies a duty of good faith and fair dealing on every contract, and on actions taken after the contract. New York interpretation of good faith and fair dealing absolutely prohibits one party from preventing the performance of another party under the contract, and then claiming breach by the party whose performance was prevented.

That is exactly what the Bank of Kuwait has done, **repeatedly**, in this so-called banking relationship between it and Galleria 2425.

The cause of action against the Bank of Kuwait should not be underestimated, nor settled, nor given away in any kind of package arrangement with the Bank of Kuwait, unless the Bank of Kuwait is prepared to make substantial payments or concessions to Galleria 2425 so its owners are reasonably compensated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I hope I will be allowed to proceed with litigation against the Bank of Kuwait.

Best Regards,

Alexander

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